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By Major SAWNEY M'CLEAVER, an Officer

upon the *Iriſh* Eſtabliſhment.

Qualis Populea mœrens Philomela ſub Umbra
Amiſſos queritur Fœtus, quos durus Arator
Obſervans nido implumes *detraxit; at illa*
Flet Noctem, Ramoque ſedens miſerabile Carmen
Integrat, et mœſtis late loca Queſtibus implet. VIRG.

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My Lord, *Dublin, Dec.* 17, 1754.

THE Conſternation which ſome late Rumours from *England* of a new Lord Lieutenant have thrown all Kinds of People into, can be equalled by Nothing, but the *univerſal Concern* attending it: this Concern too has been conſiderably encreaſed by the *Surprize*; it being an Event ſo little *expected*, that the Tenor of public Converſation ran only upon what *new Honours* ſhould diſtinguiſh your Lordſhip's *happy* Return to this grateful Kingdom, and perpetuate the Memory of your *wiſe* and *ſucceſsful* Adminiſtration. Laſt Poſt from *Cork* had brought us Intelligence of a *Medal* ſtriking in that County; on one Side HIBERNIA placing a Crown of Laurel on your Lordſhip's Head, with this Motto,

HIC VIR, HIC EST!

On the Reverſe 124 Figures, ſuppoſed by the Motto over them,

PRO PATRIA,

to repreſent ſuch a Number of your Lordſhip's *particular* Friends, which with an Addreſs

dreſs on the Occaſion, was to be preſented, we were told, to your Lordſhip, on your Arrival, by the *Knights* of the *Shire*. Another Report prevailed amongſt us, that the Officers upon the Eſtabliſhment had given Orders for a ſuperb Statue to be erected to your Lordſhip in the Royal Square at the Barracks, in Commemoration of your great and unwearied Endeavours for the Repair of the *Barracks* in general, not only in *Dublin*, but throughout the Kingdom; and the Care of this was by public Voice entruſted to Mr. *N——ll*, whoſe Abilities and Fidelity have already *endeared* him to the *Army* and the *Nation*. The *General* Officers have indeed the Credit of ſetting this Affair in Agitation firſt, having ever profeſſed the greateſt Obligations to your Lordſhip on this Account, as their conſtant Attendance in Parliament, and ſteady Support of your Lordſhip, whenever the Barracks were the Subject of Debate, have *ſufficiently* declared to the World: and this was the more *generous*, as it is very well known they never *lie* in them, and of courſe could not be *affected*, if it *rained* into every Barrack in the Kingdom. Many farther Deſigns were talked of, and debated; and many Propoſals for Addreſſes, *Freedom-Boxes*, and other Marks of public Gratitude, received and conſented to, and the Nation was as it were in an Uproar, who ſhould firſt *preſs* theſe Pledges of

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universal Love and Affection upon your Lordship at your Return. But alas! the Scene is changed. Unhappy *Ireland*! Thy pleasing Prospect now is o'er; and thy deluded Children too surely know that all their *promised* Joys are fled.

Quis talia fando
Temperet a Lacrymis?

Permit me, my Lord, to join in the common Concern, and to add my Grief to that of the Country I am in; and though I cannot, as many others have already done, write Poems to keep alive the Memory of your past *Services*, and to regret your Absence, yet let me weep in Concert with the *Sons* of *Liberty*.

All may their Tears, though not their Verses, bring,
For all can sigh, though very few can sing.

It has been said indeed, that the † Nobleman, Fame tells us is soon to be entrusted with the supreme Authority over this Kingdom, has declared he has the Welfare of it at Heart; and that the Gentleman, who is to succeed your Lordship in that Commission

† The Duke of *M——b*.

Commiſſion you executed with ſo much *Honour* to yourſelf, and ſuch evident Marks of *publick Tranquility* and *Satisfaction*, is a Man of indiſputable Integrity, in which no Man ever *ſhone* more than your Lordſhip, and which indeed was the amiable Virtue that firſt procured your Lordſhip that *general Eſteem* and *Reſpect* you found in *Ireland*: But theſe Reports, however true, from our natural *Anxiety* that they ſhould be ſo, loſe ſome Degree of Credit, and with the Vulgar paſs for Expedients raiſed by the weeping *Patriots* at the *Caſtle*, to ſteal the *public Sorrow*, and ſtop the Current of the preſent *Grief*; for however great, and wiſe, and well-diſpoſed our expected Governors may be, however warm and zealous in the true Intereſt of this bleeding Kingdom, yet it is to be feared they will never purſue the ſame *glorious* Meaſures that have *recommended* your Lordſhip to the good Wiſhes of all the honeſt and *uncorrupted* Part of Mankind throughout the Nation; which ſo *happily* diſtinguiſhed, and ſo happily *protracted*, the laſt Seſſions of Parliament in *Dublin*, and which, if Fame ſays true, have made your Lordſhip as *popular* in *Great-Britain*, as ever you were on this Side of the Water.

These Surmiſes, though diſtant, theſe Apprehenſions, though but ſlightly founded, have

have ſtill Force enough to excite uneaſy Senſations in the Minds of thoſe who think, and ſuch as indeed will never be entirely eraſed, 'till we are honoured with the Preſence of the new L——d L——t and his Secretary, and 'till we actually ſee them treading in *that Path* your Lordſhip *trod* before, and conveying equal Bleſſings to the People through the *Channel* your Lordſhip *opened*. Then indeed our Fears will be at an End, and we ſhall leſs regret the *Soldier*, *Senator*, and *Stateſman*, we have loſt; *Ireland* will once more *flouriſh*, public Spirit revive, *Patriot* Worth be revered, the Name of S——E *adored*; even *my* Countrymen, who *feel* for every Stroke that *Ireland* ſuffers, ſhall ſhare the common Good, and rejoice in the common Joy, and, though no Natives, ſhall *ſip* the Dew which falls like that of Heaven on all alike. Sackville

But 'till the *Bleſſings* of an Adminiſtration, ſo *impatiently deſired*, are actually ſhowered down amongſt us, the continual Remembrance of your Lordſhip's ſo much *applauded* Conduct, ſits *heavy* on our Souls; we knew with *Certainty* what we *might expect*, ſhould your Lordſhip *return*, and we could then boldly launch out into Futurity, judge of approaching Bleſſings by the *paſt*, and anticipate

ticipate the coming *Good*. Now all is doubtful, every Mind alarmed, your Friends confounded, the Foes of *Ireland*, which are *thoſe* only who are *ſo* to your Lordſhip, exulting and triumphant: Even the *Ladies* ſigh; I mean ſuch *Patriot* Ladies who ſigh for Freedom and their Country, and who honoured your Lordſhip's public more than your *private* Character; every new Tale and freſh Report ſtrikes Terror to each Boſom here; nay, a Want of News affects:

Horror ubique Animos, ſimul ipſa Silentia *terrent.*

THIS Scene of *univerſal Sorrow*, when deſcribed and related in *England*, may poſſibly excite a little Wonder and Surprize, eſpecially as the noble D——e now talked of for our L——t, ſtands ſo favourably in the Opinion of the Public, that great Advantages to *Ireland* are expected from his Adminiſtration, and ſuch as may equal, and *were it poſſible*, exceed thoſe already procured to this Kingdom by your Lordſhip; but alas! the Gentlemen of *England* not being ſo ſenſible of the *Benefits* that flowed from your Lordſhip's *generous Affection* to this Nation, I might almoſt ſay *Partiality*, (had your Lordſhip been known to be partial on *any* Occa-

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ſion whatever) they are not ſo ſuſceptible of the Fears that naturally harraſs the Minds of thoſe, who have *felt* a Bleſſing, and dread to *loſe* it: The *Engliſh* are in general Strangers to the *Wiſdom* and *Policy* that directed your Lordſhip's public Actions; but the People here are *well inſtructed* in their *Tendency*, and have already found their Uſe: The Gentlemen of *Ireland* alone can tell how *greatly* that Nation is *obliged* to your Lordſhip's *tutelary* Care and *protecting* Power; how you made the *Welfare* of the Kingdom your *own*; how you have toiled by Day and Night to *defend* the Rights and Privileges of the People, and to *ſecure* the conſtitutional Authority of *P——rl——t* when attacked by a powerful, though *perverſe*, Faction: They have ſeen your Lordſhip *bravely* oppoſing *Innovations* of every Kind; they have ſeen you debating, nay *dividing* in Affairs of *private Property*, which no S——ry, before your Lordſhip, ever had *Spirit* to do, though ſome of them *had a Property* in the Kingdom, which it is very well known your Lordſhip *had not*; they have ſeen you as anxious in carrying through a diſputed *Election*, as a diſputed *Bill* in the Houſe of Commons; nay, I know your Lordſhip has more than once declared, that the *Armagh-Election* alone gave you more *Uneaſineſs*, than the *whole united Buſineſs* of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament.

What a Spirit of Liberty was this! How glorious that Warmth to *preserve* the *Rights* of the *Constituents inviolate*, which alone could secure the Constitution itself, whenever attacked by *designing* and *ambitious* Men; and though it was *maliciously* insinuated on t'other Side the Water, that your Lordship's Attention had been better employed in forwarding the *K——g's Business* in *Ireland*, yet the *Consequence* of *that* Election was very *well known* to your Lordship's Friends, the *true* Patriots here, besides whatever Trouble the *Faction* just now mentioned, might on *some* Occasions create your *Lordship*, it is very evident they meant none to the *K——g* on *any*; this even *my* Countrymen, who, like myself, could *almost hate* them for the *odious* Opposition they made to your Lordship's *salutary* Designs, have almost universally allowed, and our Resentment has been only enflamed against them for their *unprecedented Attacks* upon the Constitution of this poor, oppressed Kingdom, which must have been inevitably ruined, had not your Lordship timely rose to its *Relief*, in Pity held out your *saving* Hand, and with *prevailing Numbers*, checked the Fury of these *Sons* of *Ambition*, and stopped the Blow, that, if *given*, had *destroyed* the whole Liberties of the Nation. Who then that had a *Heart affected* to *Ireland*, could *condemn* your Lordship's *un-*

common Anxiety for the *Armagh Election*? I am ſure, my Lord, all *my* Countrymen, and I believe no People *love Ireland better*, moſt heartily approved of *every Step* your Lordſhip took on that Occaſion, and *ſincerely* wiſhed you the ſame Succeſs in every future Struggle of *that Kind*; though your *Superiority*, as it then ſtood, was evidently *ſufficient* to curb and controul thoſe *ſeditious Diſturbers* of the public Peace, the Members in the Oppoſition, who aimed at nothing but the *univerſal Corruption*, and granting an exorbitant Authority to the *Church*, and the *Saint*, as they call him, at the *Head* of it; a Piece of Politicks, that I am very ſure your Lordſhip, or any Man who wiſhes well to *Ireland*, can never ſee prevailing without Diſdain, and muſt for ever *oppoſe*; knowing how prejudicial it cannot but at all Times be to the *true* Intereſts of this Kingdom. Indeed it is ſaid, that the *preſent Director* of the *Eccleſiaſtics*, is an *unaſpiring*, truly *unambitious* Prelate; who being *entirely* devoted to *Religion*, and *Philoſophy*, very *little* interferes with any public Concerns, but thoſe within his *own* Province, and thoſe he regulates with great *Integrity* and *Virtue*; yet ſtill a P——e *may* ſucceed, not altogether *ſo pious*, and *ſo pacific*; there *have been* ſtirring, buſy Men in *Lawn*, Men who have been *fond* of Power; and though this *good Biſhop* is *not* one of *that*

Stamp,

Stamp, yet *another* may come, that *is*; and whenever he does, take it for a Truth, my Lord, he will never be eaſy, 'till he has *engroſſed* the *whole Power* of the Adminiſtration into his *own* Hands, though, to acquire it, he *ſacrifices* the Peace and Quiet of the whole Kingdom. Whenever *ſuch a one* prevails, it will not be extraordinary to ſee a Lord Lieutenant and his Parliament *at Variance*; for *Schiſms* and *Broils* are what the *Church* delights in; *divide* and *govern* will then be no longer *Italian*, but *Hibernian* Policy; and you will ſee the *greateſt* and *wiſeſt* Men in the Nation diſplaced to make Room for the *weakeſt* and the *worſt*, who, for the contemptible Enjoyment of a few preſent Advantages, will help to *enſlave* their Country, and ſupport every *infamous* Meaſure *Pride* or *Power* can invent, though 'tis with the *Ruin* of *themſelves* and their *Poſterity* for ever.

The Author of that excellent Treatiſe, *The State of Ireland*, argues upon this Subject, with great Strength of Reaſon, in the Paſſage that follows.

"A Primate at the Head of a national "Church, where many large Endowments and "Influences follow his Station, merely in virtue

" virtue of his eccleſiaſtical Dignity, is in
" Poſſeſſion of greater Power, than can poſſi-
" bly fall to the Share of any Man of what-
" ſoever Rank or Fortune among us. Be-
" ſides that evident Superiority which ſuch a
" Primate muſt have over his Fellow Sub-
" jects, ſhould it ſo happen, that he ſhares
" one third Part in the Government of his
" Country, how muſt this extend his Influence?
" Suppoſe that he, being one of three Go-
" vernors, ſhould in effect engroſs the Power
" of the three; would he not then be formi-
" dable? Suppoſe that in Conſequence of theſe
" Powers, he ſhould gain Sway in an upper
" Houſe of Parliament, and find Means to
" get ſome put in, and ſome put out, of a Privy
" Council; would he not then arrive at
" a dangerous Growth? Suppoſe ſuch a Man
" ſhould, for a Courſe of Years, enjoy theſe
" extraordinary Powers, would he not then
" become more experienced, more cun-
" ning in his various Proceedings, better ſup-
" ported with Dependancies, better able to
" oppoſe conſtitutional Meaſures, and ſtill
" further enabled to exerciſe Dominion over
" his Fellow-Subjects, to corrupt them,
" to buy them, diſtreſs and enſlave them?
" When arrived at this imperious State,
" connected to few Individuals, and
" ſcarce at all connected to the higheſt
" Intereſts of the Community, but, on the

" contrary,

" contrary, the Increaſe of his Power de-
" pending upon the Increaſe of Proſtitu-
" tion, what muſt a free People expect?
" How often have we ſeen a State undone
" by a Subject, when he had outgrown his
" Condition? The wiſe *Romans* ſtruggled hard,
" and often, to prevent it: and they were un-
" done, their Liberty died, when they could
" not prevent it. States every where, to
" preſerve their Independence, make it their firſt
" Care to preſerve a Balance of Power a-
" mong their Neighbours. Such due Balance
" is quite neceſſary among Subjects who in-
" tend to be free. Would any diſintereſted
" Member of Society, would any rational
" Perſon of ſound Mind and Memory, con-
" tribute to increaſe the Power of ſuch a
" Man? There is but one Way left to in-
" creaſe it; give him All. Countrymen,
" this Subject is worthy of your ſerious Con-
" ſideration, ſhould an aſpiring Adventurer,
" thus circumſtanced, gain an Aſcendant in
" your lower Houſe of Parliament, then
" the Power of the Nation would be in
" his Hands.

" How could you deliver yourſelves, hav-
" ing added Power that you could not ſub-
" tract? Would not every Man, Lay, and
" Eccleſiaſtic, be brought into a State of

" Servitude?

" Servitude? His Supremacy would tend to
" render him abſolute over the Prelates and
" Clergy themſelves; a Kind of Proteſtant
" Pope.

Page 55, the ſame Author proceeds thus;
" What a mortal Wound did Liberty receive
" in a neighbouring Proteſtant Country, by
" the dire Ambition of a Godleſs Prelate?
" When ſuch a Man ſhuts up his Bible,
" and opens his Warehouſe of Politics, guard
" againſt ſome dreadful Hurricane, all Hands
" on Board; all reſolute to ſave the Veſſel.
" What a Country was *Denmark*? As free
" as ours, until an † intriguing Biſhop of
" *Copenhagen*, practiſed with the Court, to
" aſſiſt it in betraying the Nation. Then
" cajoled a Party in their Houſe of Com-
" mons, inſinuated himſelf into their Confi-
" dence, perſuaded them to rely upon him,
" and combining with *Nauſon*, a corrupt
" Stateſman, ſtole their Liberties from them."

Of ſuch dangerous Conſequence is it, my Lord, to throw Power into the Hands of the Church, and well has your Lordſhip deſerved of all true Lovers of this Country, in ſo *ſtrenuouſly oppoſing* all Attempts of that Kind, and the Deſigns of thoſe infatuated Pretenders to Politics, who would make a *Prime Miniſter* of a *Prieſt*.

* See Preface to Lord *Moleſworth*'s Account of *Denmark*

But it is not for an *Officer*, my Lord, to enumerate *all* the Acts of *public* Utility obſervable in your Lordſhip's *public* Character; it is not in our Sphere, nor do thoſe Things that are *glaring* in the Eye of the World, *ſtrike* us in equal Proportion with the reſt of his Majeſty's *happy* Subjects in this Iſland; our Admiration of your Lordſhip's *diſintereſted Regard* for the People here, is more immediately known to us from thoſe of your Tranſactions that fall under our *own* Inſpection; and nothing of this Kind could ever raiſe your Lordſhip ſo high in the Opinion of the *Army*, as that *unexampled Inquiry* you made into the *Repairs* of the *Barracks*, and that ſteady Defence you maintained of that *upright* Servant of the Crown, the *Surveyor-General*; notwithſtanding thoſe many Reports ſo continually propagated and received in the Houſe of Commons to his Prejudice; and which indeed were of *ſuch* a Nature, as would have hurt him in the Opinion of any *other* Man living but *your Lordſhip*; but *you*, who was well acquainted with the *Integrity* of that Officer, who was conſcious he had been acting upon the ſame *uncorrupt* Principles as yourſelf, and that the permitting a Cenſure upon *his* Deſigns, might occaſion hereafter a Reflection upon your *own*, or prevent you from carrying into Execution a Plan of Operations that would *affect* the *very Vitals* of the

Conſtitution,

Conſtitution, (as it ſince *has* done) with an Intrepidity uncommon to your Lordſhip's Age, withſtood the determined Efforts of an *obſtinate* Set of Men, labouring to oppreſs the *innocent*, and bring into Diſgrace a Servant who had deſerved *well* of the Public. This was exerting a Spirit but *few* were capable of beſides *your Lordſhip*; nor could any one have maintained it, but he who had the ſame *great* Deſigns in Embrio, and ſuch as were hereafter to break out in a Flood of *Glory* upon this Kingdom.

As I am upon this Subject, with your Leave, I will enter more particularly upon the *Obligations* the Army lies under to your Lordſhip on this Account; and believe me I do not do it out of any private View, and to point out to your Succeſſor from your *Lordſhip's Example*, the Way to become *popular* among us, or to encourage him to *imitate* your *Circumſpection* and Care in providing ſo *comfortably* for thoſe brave Men the Wars had left us: Neither, my Lord, do I undertake it in order to write a *Panegyric* upon the *Surveyor*, and to make the World more acquainted with his *Merits* than they are, but entirely, out of a Principle of *Gratitude*; the Memory of Man is *frail* and *weak*; we receive conſiderable Acts of *Friendſhip*, but our *Friend* and *Benefactor* is ſoon forgot; I

am not *one* of thoſe, my Lord, nor can I ever forget the many Favours my Countrymen and I have enjoyed thro' your *Lordſhip*'s Influence, and the Army thro' your *particular Encouragement*. Report has painted your Lordſhip as *adroit* in *civil* Affairs, as expert in *military*; and the Debates in laſt Seſſion acquired you *immortal* Honour as a *Senator*; 'tis true our Intelligence, with reſpect to the *Money-bill*, was ſomewhat of the *lateſt*, nor had we a *right* Notion of the intrinſic Merit of that Conteſt, till we were honoured at the *Barracks* with your Lordſhip's *Encloſure* of the CONSIDERATIONS; which *impartial* Treatiſe fully explained that Matter to us, and convinced us of what we had read on the *Cover* of your Lordſhip's *Letter*, that it was FOR HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE; but I will remove the Scene with your Lordſhip's Leave, from the *Senate* to the *Barracks*, where you will appear to as *great Advantage*, as ever *Secretary* did, who was *himſelf an Officer*.

THO' the *Army* on this Occaſion is under *infinite Obligations* to your Lordſhip, as will be ſeen hereafter; yet ſome Degree of Gratitude is due to the *Houſe of Commons*, who gave an unlimited Vote of Credit for the Repair of the Barracks: Had the Houſe ſtopped here, the Thanks of all the *Military* had been due

due to them; but it was undoubtedly a little *ungenerous* to enquire afterwards how the Money had been *laid out*: no Man ever called Mr. *N——ll's Honour* in Queſtion before; beſides, it was ſomewhat of an Affront to *your Lordſhip*, who could not be *ſuppoſed* to *countenance* and *encourage* any public Officer, whoſe *Integrity* you did not *know*, and whoſe Diſcharge of his Truſt, faithful or *otherwiſe*, could not have *eſcaped* you, being yourſelf a *Soldier*. HAD HE EMBEZZLED THE PUBLIC MONEY, or profuſely laid it out; had HE ACTED WITHOUT CARE, JUDGMENT, OR OECONOMY, your Lordſhip muſt have been the *firſt* to have *perceived* it, and I make no Doubt, would have been the *firſt* to have *complained* of it: if your Lordſhip, who by your Poſt was Secretary at War, as well as Secretary to his Grace, was *ſatisfied* with the Repairs done to the Barracks; if the General Officers, ever *active* for the *Welfare* of the Troops, and who look with a *jealous* Eye upon every Meaſure that can poſſibly affect them; if *they* were ſilent, and only a *few noiſy Subalterns*, who never *ſtir* out of the Barracks, and therefore found them *diſagreeable*, were the only People to condemn the Surveyor, then the Houſe of Commons, it is my real Opinion, was too warm, and did not act with the ſame *noble* Spirit upon this

this Occaſion, as when they paſſed the *Vote* of *Credit*; indeed it particularly affected *your Lordſhip*, becauſe there had been a *Change* in the *Government* ſince the paſſing the Vote, which being *unlimited*, ſhewed that the *Houſe* at that Time had no *Diſtruſt* of the *Adminiſtration*, but was perfectly ſatisfied no *more* of the public Money would be *applied* than was abſolutely *neceſſary* for the Repairs to be *done*; but, my Lord, the Caſe ſeemed to be *otherwiſe* upon the *Enquiry* afterwards, when your Lordſhip came into Power; for it plainly appeared from the nice and ſtrict Examinations then made, that the Houſe *had a Diſtruſt* of *Somebody*, and had not your Lordſhip's Character of *Integrity* been *ſufficiently* eſtabliſhed, People, from the Earneſtneſs the Houſe expreſſed in that Affair, might have been *inclined* to believe they had a Diſtruſt of *you*; indeed it was natural to think this, and nothing could have prevented the Belief of it, but your own *good* Character, and the ſeeing your Lordſhip always ſo *great a Favourite* with the Houſe.

It may be preſumed, that it was owing to this Piece of Diſreſpect your Lordſhip entered ſo warmly into the Defence of the *Surveyor-General*, in order to wipe off any Aſperſions thrown upon the *Government* thro' the *Indirection* of it's *Servants*; for the *Innocence* of the

the Man was ſo *univerſally believed*, that had he been left to himſelf unſupported, unpatronized by your Lordſhip and your *public ſpirited* Friends, he had in all Probability come off with *equal* Honour from the Houſe; his *own Integrity*, his *winning Addreſs*, and Art in *ſoothing* Matters, as they came under Examination, and his *Modeſty* in *ſpeaking*, could not have failed to have reconciled the Minds of ſuch Members, as were ſo *ſtrangely* prejudiced againſt him.

By your Lordſhip's *generous* Protection of Mr. *N——ll's injured* Merit, you not only won the Heart of *one good Man*, but the Hearts of the *whole Army*; the Officers were pleaſed to ſee a Man who had done *ſo much* for them publickly *defended* and *applauded* by your Lordſhip in P——t; knowing how *anxious* it would make him or any future Surveyor to provide well for the Troops; ſince it was evident from Mr. *N——ll's* Inſtance, that the more Care they ſhould take, the more they would be encouraged by your Lordſhip, in whom they would be ſure to find a *ſtrenuous* Advocate, ſhould they at any Time be *called before* the Houſe for expending a *little too much* upon Repairs.

It muſt be confeſſed indeed, Mr. *N——ll's Love* of the *Army*, and *compaſſionate* Diſpoſition

tion for the poor Men, did ſometimes carry him too far, and made him *repair too much*; I muſt own he was a little *laviſh* at *Bally-Shannon*; 700 l. was *rather too large* a Sum to be expended *there*; yet what is extraordinary, the Building is ſo *little encreaſed*, that the *Additions* made in that Barrack are *ſcarcely to be perceived*. I am told, this Article put the Houſe of Commons out of Temper, and made them peeviſh; but with how *little Reaſon*, muſt appear to every Man who will give himſelf the Trouble only to caſt an Eye upon the Barrack as it *now ſtands*.

I HAVE obſerved that your Lordſhip entered *warmly* into Mr. *N——ll's* Defence, which I think *greatly* to your *Honour*; though there have been People *malicious* enough to ſay you were *too warm*; in Juſtice to *yourſelf*, in Juſtice to a *falſely accuſed* Servant of the Crown, in Juſtice to the *Army*, in Regard to your *Brother-Officers*, you were by all theſe united Motives called upon to be *warm* and *zealous* in the Surveyor's Cauſe; and thoſe who condemn your Lordſhip, muſt have had Facts MISREPRESENTED to them, and *induſtriouſly* miſrepreſented; a Piece of *Wickedneſs*, that aims at the well-being of all Society, and is capable to caſt a Slur upon the moſt GLORIOUS Actions and Services a Man in public Character can do his Country. I believe

lieve your Lordſhip has ſuffered from ſuch Enemies as theſe, and Enemies they are of the worſt Kind; Traitors to the Community they belong to, the Scorn and Abhorrence of all the Wiſe and Virtuous; for how much the Part of DEVILS do they act, when they can only ſupport their deteſtable Meaſures by downright *Falſhood*, and their impious Accuſations by a known *Lye*?

By ſuch Peſts of Society as theſe, your Lordſhip's *Merit* may have been *ill rewarded*: However, my Lord, you have this for your Comfort, that their Influence cannot extend *far*, as theſe MISREPRESENTERS of Facts are all obſerved to be of *one* Party, and that at preſent the *weakeſt*, as well as the *worſt*; long may it continue ſo, my Lord, is my Prayer; in the mean while your Lordſhip is happy in that,

Which nought on Earth can give, or can
deſtroy,
The Soul's *calm Sun-Shine*, and the *Heart-felt-Joy*;

and you have the Satisfaction to know that Truth will get the better at the End; *Veritas Prævalebit*; it will come out one Time or other; your Lordſhip's *irreproachable* Conduct will be ſeen in it's *proper* Light; and the *unde-*

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niable Services you have done your King and Country, be as *publickly known* and *acknowledged* in *England*, as in this diſtreſſed and divided Kingdom.

Mr. *N——ll* undoubtedly deſerved well of the Nation; as undoubtedly your Lordſhip did *well* in protecting him; a *Faction* of Men, who were no Judges of his *real* Merit, or his *Skill* in his Employment, was not to be ſuffered to run down a public Officer in the *Execution* of a Plan they did not *underſtand*; had he indeed viſibly DEFRAUDED THE NATION of the public Money, or had he repaired the Barracks in ſuch a Manner, as to make them DANGEROUS TO THE HEALTH, and UNFIT FOR THE RECEPTION OF THE KING'S TROOPS, their Objections might have been excuſed; becauſe every Man can tell whether a Barrack is fit to *contain* ſuch a Number of Men; or if it is in a *ruinous Condition*; or if *no Money* at all has been *laid out* upon it; but in the general Schemes and Plans for repairing, it is impoſſible but Mr. *N——ll* muſt be *better inſtructed* in them than any *Member of* P——t whatever. The Expences in Building are *unforeſeen*; no Man in Mr. *N——ll's Way* could make a *juſt* Calculation; and it is eaſily to be imagined he had *Demands* upon him, that the Houſe *knew Nothing* of, nor *could know*

know any Thing of, had they made a *ſtricter* Enquiry than they did: He might, poſſibly, expend more upon ſome Occaſions than others; he might appear a little *profuſe* at one Time, and at another be more *ſparing*, as his Judgment, his *incomparable* Judgment, directed him: I am very certain he ſaved the Nation a great Deal of Money in one Article, that of *Water*, which it is notorious he conveyed to *every Barrack* in the Kingdom, without *any Charge* to the *Public* whatever; and this was the more *extraordinary*, as the Water they were ſupplied with, was at *ſome Diſtance*, and yet *came down* to them always *freſh*, and frequently in *great* Quantities.

This is a Fact your Lordſhip, whoſe Apartments at the Caſtle were ſo remarkably *crouded* with *Officers* and *Generals*, could not poſſibly be *ignorant* of; but you *wanted* no *Information* from others; your Lordſhip *viſited* many of the Barracks yourſelf at the *Time* of this *Enquiry*, and therefore could particularly ſpeak to the *Improvements* of *this Kind* they have received.

But I ſhall not trouble your Lordſhip with a *Juſtification* of Mr. *N——ll's Art* and *Services* in the Way of *Building*; your Lordſhip always appeared *ſufficiently ſatisfied* with his Works and their *great* Merit; and for

thoſe who are not, if there are *any* ſuch *ſtill remaining*, I ſhall deſire them to make a little Tour round the Kingdom, and inſpect the Barracks *themſelves*, and will particularly *recommend* to their Obſervation the *Alterations* made in thoſe that follow; namely, the Barracks at

Charles Fort,
Carrick on *Shannon*,
Kinſale,
Cork Harbour,
Inchegeela,
Clonmell,
Carlow,
Dingle,
Roſs-Caſtle,
Clare-Caſtle,
Tallow,
Headford,
Athunry,
Loughrea,
Galway, and
Navan.

THESE are all and *every one* of them *remarkable Inſtances* of Mr. *N*——*ll's Skill* in *Architecture*: *Vitruvius* and *Palladio* never *equalled* any of theſe Buildings. If a Fault could be found at all, it might be ſaid that in general they might perhaps be a little too

too *airy*; ſome of the *Highlanders*, I am told, have *complained* of this; but that might be owing to their being uſed to a more *woody* Country at *Home*, and not to any *Impropriety* of *Building* in the Barracks, or Want of *Care* in Mr. *N——ll*.

But this Gentleman's Abilities were not confined to Architecture *only*; he deſerved well of the Public in another Capacity, that of an *Engineer*; and by all Accounts an *excellent one* he was; the Houſe *unkindly* took *no Notice* of his *Merit* in *that* Way; and I was a little ſurprized to find your Lordſhip *ſilent* upon this Occaſion, eſpecially as he had given ſo *recent* a proof of his *Skill*, as he had done at CHARLES FORT; *Vaubon* himſelf *never* in his Life *proved Cannon* in the *Manner*, or with the *Succeſs* that Mr. *N——ll* proved thoſe at that Fort; it had been uſual with all Engineers before, and ſome of them no *very ignorant* Men in their Profeſſion, to take the Cannon to be proved from *their Carriages*, and to fire them when doubly loaded on *the Ground*; but this Method never had the *Effect* that Mr. *N——ll* found from his, nor ſufficiently ſhewed the *Strength* and *Goodneſs* of the *Cannon*, he fired them *upon the Parapet*, and a *wonderful* Effect it had; for moſt of the Pieces *flew back* from their Embraſures, *broke* their *Carriages* in Pieces, *burſt*, *killed* ſeveral Men, *wounded* others,

and

and *beat down* the Parapet. Now this, my Lord, was a *Coup de Maitre* in Fortification, a Thing never *dreamt on* by all the Engineers *before him*; it was a Surprize to thoſe who beheld it; the Officers ſtood *in Amaze*, aſtoniſhed at the *terrible* Effects of his Art, and the *great Execution* he had done; Mr. *N——ll* on the contrary appeared as *unconcerned*, as if nothing had happened, looked upon the *Ruins* around him with an *Aſpect of Content*; ordered the *Breaches* to be *repaired*, the *Men* to be *buried*, and retired ſeemingly in *Raptures* with himſelf, after an Harangue to the Officers upon the *Force* of *Powder*, which, he told them, "*was capable of demoliſhing any Metal*, "*or any Fortification in the Univerſe.*" It is a Pity your Lordſhip *forgot* to lay before the Houſe this *memorable* Inſtance of Mr. *N——ll's* Talents for engineering, becauſe it is probable they would have *addreſſed* the Lord L——t upon it, to have *continued* him longer in his Employment, and not have ſuffered him to have *ſold out* for *three* or *four thouſand* Pounds, as he did *ſoon after* the Enquiry: However, ſince the Nation is *unhappy* enough to be deprived of his Services, and *ungrateful* enough to reward him with *only the full Value* of his Office, as it is not to be preſumed his *great Abilities* will long permit him to lie *idle* and remain *inactive*, I cannot help thinking he has a Right to expect from your Lordſhip and the P——t a Recommendation to any *foreign* Potentate,

Potentate, into whoſe Service he ſhall chuſe to enter; and might I take the Liberty to propoſe on this Occaſion, I would adviſe that he be ſtrongly recommended to the *French King*, to inſpect his *Barracks*, and *prove his Cannon* in every fortified Town throughout his Kingdom; I believe there is not an Officer in *Ireland* that will not ſign ſuch a Recommendation, he will then be gaining Experience, which the moſt ſkilful Men alive may be improved by, and will hereafter, without Doubt, find a *proper Reward* for his Merit *here*, if he meets not *his Deſerts* in *France*, which, according to the Diſpoſition of the *preſent* Monarch upon the Throne of that Kingdom, I am of Opinion he cannot *fail* to do.

PERHAPS it will be objectedto this Plan by the *Patriots*, that it will be throwing too *great a Genius* into the Hands of our Enemies, which may in the End prove *deſtructive* to the *Arms* of *Great Britain*, as he would *unqueſtionably* put the Fortifications of *France* in a better State of *Defence* than they are at preſent: I own there may be ſome Weight in this Argument, but notwithſtanding I have ſo *ſtrong a Paſſion* to advance Mr. *N——ll's Reputation*, that I muſt confeſs I do moſt heartily wiſh every Baſtion in *France* was now *altering* from his *Deſigns*, and every Piece of Ordnance now *proving* under his *Directions*;

rections: *Great Britain* might not *ſuffer* ſo much from it as expected; beſides, Mr. *N——ll's Attachment* to his *Country* would certainly take Place on this Occaſion, and prevent him from doing *too much* for the *Service* of *France*; if he exerted only the *ſame Diligence*, *Skill* and *Honeſty*, that he ſhewed when *Engineer* in *Ireland*, 'tis all the King of *France* can deſire; and in doing *this*, he will ſtand *acquitted* in the Eyes of thoſe who wiſh the beſt to theſe three Kingdoms: I am ſure no one wiſhes them better than I do; and for my Part, I ſhould be glad they ran the Riſque of his making the Power of *France more formidable*, or the Artillery more *fatal*, by the Experiment he ſhould try on the *Cannon*, or the *Alterations* he ſhould deſign of the *Batteries* and *Baſtions* in that Kingdom.

But farther; to ſilence all Apprehenſions or Objections of this Kind, I will offer another Project for the Reward of his *unparallelled* Merit in Engineering, which it is a Diſgrace to the Kingdom ſhould ſtand *unnoticed*. I ſhall for this Purpoſe recommend the *erecting* of a *military School* for the *Inſtruction* of young Gentlemen intended for the Service, and that the *chief* Direction of ſuch School be entirely under the Influence of Mr. *N——ll* as *Comptroller* or *Inſpector-General*, with a Salary proportioned to the Services

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he has already done, as well as those that may be *modestly* expected from one of his *distinguished* Abilities. This will not only answer the Design of conferring a public Mark of Honour and Reward upon Mr. *N—ll*, but will likewise tend greatly to the Encouragement of the *Arts* and *Sciences*, which it is generally complained, and not without Foundation, have been much neglected of late Years, and of course are evidently in the Decline. Now an Establishment of this Kind, with so *able* a Man at the Head of it, would infallibly make them *revive* and *flourish* amongst us, would give a new Spirit to Men of *Letters*, and occasion an universal Cultivation of *Learning* and *Erudition* throughout the Kingdom. This would be soon found productive of many visible good Effects to the Public, and I will venture, my Lord, to say one Thing more, it is one of the surest Means to make a People great. *My* Countrymen are strong Instances to this Point; no People whatever have found greater Advantages from a good Education than they have; *Scotland* is allowed to furnish the best, and many of it's Natives have arose to very high Honours and Preferments, which they had no *Pretensions* to, and which was Matter of Wonder to every Body how they *came by*, yet is very easily accounted for, when imputed to their Education; an Education, which at once qualifies them for *hardy* Undertakings above the *common* Level of

Men in other Countries; inſpires them with *Ambition* and Courage; inſtills into them early Notions of *Loyalty* to their *Prince*, and *Affection* to their *Country*; *diveſts* them of all *little* Prejudices to their *own Nation*, and forms in them a Readineſs to *quit* it without *Regret* upon *all* Occaſions where *Fortune* allures, or *Advancement* calls them forth. Theſe are the Fruits of a liberal Education in *Scotland*; to our public *Seminaries* of *Learning*, and the general *Encouragement* given to the politer Arts amongſt us, is owing the *ſwift* Progreſs that *our* Countrymen are obſerved to make in obtaining Employments in *every Nation* under Heaven, and not to a miſtaken Notion that *Scotchmen in Power*, wherever they are, are *Partial* to the *Scotch*, promote, protect, and recommend *ſuch only*, who firſt drew the Air in *North-Britain*; for beſides that they are believed to be the *leaſt national* People in the World, few Sovereigns and Potentates abroad would be fond to advance them ſo high as they are often found to be, if a perpetual Succeſſion of *their Countrymen* was to be *intailed* upon *all* the *great* Offices in their Dominions; no, 'tis their Schools, and Colleges, their wiſe Inſtitutions for Education, and wiſer Encouragement of Learning and learned Men, that procure them the Honours they enjoy, the Reſpect they find; and 'tis in theſe *Gardens* of *Erudition*, ſuch Shoots *ſpring* out, as are ſeen to *bud* and *bloſſom* in every State in *Europe*.

If I am right in this, my Lord, and I believe common Fame is with me, it will be a ſtrong Argument in Favour of my Deſign for Mr. *N——ll*, under *whoſe Care* ſuch an Inſtitution, as I have been ſpeaking of, may be as beneficial to the riſing Youth of *Ireland*, as thoſe have been found to be, that are already eſtabliſhed in *Scotland*, to the Youth of that Nation, and your Lordſhip's ready Concurrence in promoting ſuch a Deſign, cannot be doubted, when it is conſidered how *eager* you have always been to *forward* any Project that might be of *general Utility* to this Kingdom; and that it is *impoſſible* but you muſt wiſh *as warmly* to ſee the Gentlemen of *this* Country advanced as *thoſe* of mine, having yourſelf received your Education amongſt them. I would not be underſtood to infer that your Lordſhip might owe your *early* and *uncommon Riſe* to that alone; but probable it is, the *Eloquence* that has ſo conſtantly diſtinguiſhed your Lordſhip's Speeches in the Parliaments of *England* and *Ireland*, might have received ſome Advantage from your Application to Learning, and your Acquaintance with Men of Letters, during your Reſidence in *Trinity-College* in *Dublin*.

If this Scheme for a military School ſhould meet with, as it muſt certainly merit, your Lordſhip's Approbation, it will be no difficult Matter to aſſign a *Place* proper to erect it in: I would recommend by all Means that it be eſtabliſhed

at *Leixlip*, and this for two Reaſons; firſt, becauſe it is at a ſufficient Diſtance from the *Metropolis*, being about as near to *Dublin* as *Woolwich* is to *London*; and ſecondly, from it's having the *Advantage* of being ſituated in a Town ſo conſtantly honoured with the Preſence of the Lord P——e, whoſe *general Knowledge* would qualify him occaſionally to *inſtruct* the Youth to be educated there, and the Sanctity of whoſe *Character* would preſerve their *Morals* from *Corruption*, and *inſpire* them with an *early Love* of *Purity* and Virtue.

From the Regard your Lordſhip has ever ſhewn to *Ireland*, from the Regard you have ever ſhown to the *ingenious* Mr. *N——ll*, your Lordſhip cannot but encourage, as much as in you lies, an Undertaking ſo much to his Honour, and ſo *uſeful* to the Public. Your Lordſhip cannot but know that it is impoſſible to have *good* and *faithful* Servants, unleſs Care is taken to *reward* their Merit; I ſhall therefore ſay no more on this Subject, but put your Lordſhip down as one amongſt the firſt Supporters of the LEIXLIP SCHOOL for the *Education of Youth*.

I cannot finiſh this Epiſtle to your Lordſhip without obſerving, how much happier you are than many other *great* Men who lived before you in one Particular; I mean that of finding a *juſt* Senſe of your *Actions* prevailing in the World,

World; many, very many, Heroes *like* your Lordſhip,

Poſt ingentia Facta, Deorum in Templa recepti,
Ploravere ſuis non reſpondere Favorem
Speratum Meritis;——

but your Lordſhip's *great* Atchievements have met with a better Fate; *Stateſmen* admire your Strokes of *unexampled* Policy; *Generals* are *aſtoniſhed* at your *military* Capacity, and a whole Kingdom *thanks* you, and at the ſame Time *wonders* at your *Adminiſtration*.

The Army, of which I am ſo happy to be a Part, is *grateful* to the higheſt Degree, and can never forget how *little* a Demand was made upon them for the Expences attending the *carrying* and returning the Addreſs from *England* for the Encreaſe of their Pay; it not being *much above* SEVEN HUNDRED POUNDS; which, conſidering the *great Diſtance* from *Dublin* to *London*, the croſſing a *Sea*, the *Difficulty* of paſſing the *Welch* Mountains, little *inferior* to that of paſſing the *Alps*, the *exorbitant* Bills made at *Public-houſes*, inflamed with Articles of *Poſt-chaiſes*, and Wine at *five Shillings* a Bottle; conſidering, I ſay, this, my Lord, it was ſo *light* a Charge upon the Troops, that it muſt for ever *dwell* upon their Remembrance, and make them bound to *love* and *eſteem* you while you live.

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It has been ſaid indeed, that the Army is indebted to the *Parliament* in common with your Lordſhip for their *Encreaſe* of *Pay*; this may be true, for ought I know; but as to the *Charge* of *ſending* the Addreſs, I am very ſure the Houſe knew nothing of that, and will venture to ſay, that *all Obligations* of *that Nature* are due to your Lordſhip, and *you only*.

As the *Army* will ever have Reaſon to think *honourably* of your Lordſhip's Adminiſtration, ſo likewiſe, my Lord, muſt every Member of the *Church*, who aimed not at *ſecular* Power, in which indeed you *oppoſed* them, but who confined themſelves to the *ſpiritual* Welfare of the whole Body, and the *Preſervation* of the *Proteſtant Religion* in *Ireland*. To ſuch *holy* Men your Lordſhip was ever a faſt Friend and ſteady Patron; and how greatly they have availed themſelves of your Lordſhip's *parental* Care of the *Reformed Church* appears by the *great Succeſs* their Labours have met with in all Parts of the Kingdom. The *Proteſtant Religion* is now no longer in *Want* of *Aſſiſtances* from the Government for it's Support and Increaſe; claims *no* Aid of any Kind from the Revenue. The CHARTER-SCHOOLS, ever looked upon as the great Bulwark againſt *Popery*, and the main Prop of *Proteſtantiſm*, are now entirely without any Relief

Relief from Parliament; and to the *Honour* of your Lordſhip, the firſt Bill that was ever omitted, to make a Proviſion for them, was dropped in the Time of your Lordſhip's Adminiſtration. From the Year they were eſtabliſhed to this Day, a conſtant Fund was provided for them out of the Commiſſion of Hawkers and Pedlars, and which produced near 3000 l. *per Annum*; this Duty expired by the *Prorogation* of the Parliament, which never ſat to renew it; by which it may *reaſonably* be preſumed, ſuch an Appropriation was found to be no longer *neceſſary*; for if it had, your Lordſhip's *known Regard* for the eſtabliſhed Religion of your Country, would not have *permitted* you to have *left* the Kingdom, 'till the Parliament had by *your Influence* met again (for I do not find the two Houſes *adjourned themſelves*) and made this Proviſion for the Support of the Schools. Nothing can be a ſtronger Proof of the *great Increaſe* of the *Proteſtants* in *Ireland*, and the *Decreaſe* of the *Roman Catholics*, than this ſingle Event; for it appears that the Reformed Church has *gained* ſuch *Ground*, that it may now be *left to itſelf* to make its Way; which was a Meaſure could *never* have been entered into by your Lordſhip, had you not been *thoroughly convinced* it could be done with the *utmoſt Security*; had the *leaſt Doubt* remained, this never could have happened; for every one is well

well acquainted of what great Conſequence it is to propagate the *Proteſtant Religion* in *Ireland*; as the general Welfare of the Kingdom is concerned in it, ſo is His MAJESTY's particular Intereſt, ſince he never can be ſo well aſſured of the Allegiance of his Subjects of a *different* Perſuaſion: How *glorious* then muſt your Lordſhip *appear* in the Eyes of *all Friends* to the preſent Government, who has ſo *firmly* eſtabliſhed the *Proteſtant Religion* in *Ireland*, that a Revenue of near THREE THOUSAND Pounds, granted for the PROPAGATION of it, was *ſpared* the Kingdom for the firſt Time, when your Lordſhip was in Power? what *mighty* Growth muſt the *Reformed* Church have made in that ſhort Period? and what *univerſal* Acquiſitions of *Converts* muſt have been obtained in a few Years? for it is very well known, that within theſe *five* laſt paſt, *Popery* ſo much prevailed, that near four *Papiſts* to one *Proteſtant* might be found in every County in the Kingdom.

No Wonder then, that the Abſence of ſo *great* a *Friend* to the *Army*, and ſo *great* a *Patron* to the *Church*, is ſo *univerſally* dreaded; that the *Sighs* of *Officers*, and the *Cries* of the *Clergy*, are ſo often *mingled* together; that lamenting *Patriots* croud the Caſtle, meet and *weep* in Concert, reflecting with *unfeigned* Sorrow, that the Rewards of *Virtue* ſo often promiſed

miſed, are now become *precarious*; and ſhould your Lordſhip be *diſplaced*, Increaſe of *Reputation* is likely to be the *only* Return for all the Struggle they have made; for all that *noble Struggle* for the *Liberty* of *Ireland*, begun, ſupported, and carried on by your Lordſhip, and theſe *faithful* Friends, with a Spirit and Vigour *unknown* to this Kingdom for Ages. If you are wanting to keep this Spirit alive amongſt them, Heaven knows but it may be *loſt*, entirely loſt; and then the Conſequences to this Nation are *eaſily foreſeen*: when the *General* is not *preſent*, the *Troops* will fight but *faintly*; 'tis your Lordſhip, who inſpired them with a *Love* for the *Cauſe*, that can *alone* inſpire them with a *Courage* to *purſue* it; they will *dwindle* and *droop* in your Abſence; the *Orator* forget to *plead*; the *Senator* be *ſtruck dumb*; the warmeſt of your Friends meanly deſert your *patriot Plan*, eſpecially if *Corruption* and *Bribery* (*two Strangers* in *this* Nation) ſhould take Place in the ſucceeding Government; nay, 'tis poſſible (ſuch is the *Inconſtancy* of Men, and ſo great the *Want* of *public Spirit*) that ſhould your Lordſhip's Conduct be called in Queſtion before the enſuing Parliament, 'tis poſſible, there might ariſe Men, who would *not only* not *applaud* it, but would even dare to *cenſure* it: Notwithſtanding *all the Good* you have done to *Ireland*; notwithſtanding the *ma-*

ny Bleſſings you have drawn from his M——y to this Kingdom, by ſo warmly recommending the *Loyalty* and *Affection* of his Subjects here; notwithſtanding the *Integrity* and *Faith* you have kept with *all Mankind*, the *generous Concern* you ſhewed, when ſome GREAT MEN unfortunately fell under the K——'s Diſpleaſure, by chuſing to bear the News yourſelf, that you might *break* it to them *gently*; notwithſtanding your *known Humanity* and your *diſintereſted* Offers of Friendſhip, *particularly to the Diſtreſſed*; in a Word, notwithſtanding *all* your *public* and *private Virtues*, I would not anſwer but, in another Seſſions, the whole Tenor of your Adminiſtration might be arraigned, your Conduct in Affairs, civil and military, diſputed, perhaps *exclaimed* againſt, and no Merit of any Kind allowed you, but the *Protection* you afforded to the *Church*, and the *Patronage* you vouchſafed to *Churchmen*: For my Part, I have ſeen *Ingratitude* prevail ſo powerfully amongſt Mankind, that I ſhould not be ſurprized, if upon an *Enquiry* into your L——'s *public* Character, I ſhould hear Sir RICHARD COX, even the PATRIOT Sir RICHARD COX, who never wanted Strength of Expreſſion, ſpeaking but *faintly* in *your Favour*; the nine GORES *debating* againſt you, and Mr. MALONE employing his irreſiſtible Eloquence in *condemning* every Meaſure you undertook, and entered into. Your Lordſhip muſt not wonder

der if you ſhould find this to be the generous Return of all your *Labours*; 'tis natural, and only your Fate in common with others, as *extraordinary* and *upright* Stateſmen as yourſelf.

Should an Event of this Kind occur, which I *flatter* myſelf will not, your Lordſhip will however find many a faithful *Abdiel* amongſt the *Military*, particularly thoſe of *my Country* who will never deſert you, but *ardently pray* for your *Return*, as the *Loſs* of your Lordſhip's *Influence* at the *Caſtle* will be *ſenſibly felt* by them, and indeed by all the TRUE PATRIOTS in this Kingdom.

Among thoſe, who *weary* Heaven with *that Prayer*, your Lordſhip may *aſſuredly* reckon upon, My Lord,

Your Lordſhip's moſt obedient

And devoted humble Servant,

SAWNY M'CLEAVER.

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